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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. J. RES. 16

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to grant the President line-item veto authority.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 12 (legislative day, JANUARY 10), 1995

Mr. BROWN introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*  
4       *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*  
5       *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*  
6       *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*  
7       *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*  
8       *States within seven years from the date of its submission*  
9       *by the Congress:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The President shall have power, when  
3 any bill, including any vote, resolution, or order, which  
4 contains any item of spending authority, is presented to  
5 him pursuant to section 7 of article I of this Constitution,  
6 to separately approve, reduce, or disapprove any provision,  
7 or part of any provision, contained therein.

8 “When the President exercises this power, he shall  
9 signify in writing which portions of the bill he has ap-  
10 proved and which portions he has disapproved or reduced.  
11 These portions, to the extent not reduced or disapproved,  
12 shall then become a law. The President shall return with  
13 his objections any disapproved or reduced portions of a  
14 bill to the House in which the bill originated. The Con-  
15 gress shall separately reconsider each such returned por-  
16 tion of the bill in the manner prescribed for disapproved  
17 bills in section 7 of article I of this Constitution. Any por-  
18 tion of a bill which shall not have been returned or ap-  
19 proved by the President within ten days (Sundays ex-  
20 cepted) after it shall have been presented to him shall be-  
21 come a law, unless the Congress by their adjournment pre-  
22 vent its return, in which case it shall not become a law.

23 “SECTION 2. Items of spending authority are those  
24 portions of a bill that appropriate money from the Treas-  
25 ury or that otherwise authorize or limit the withdrawal

1 or obligation of money from the Treasury. Such items  
2 shall include items of appropriations, spending authoriza-  
3 tions, authority to borrow money on the credit of the Unit-  
4 ed States or otherwise, dedications of revenues, entitle-  
5 ments, uses of assets, insurance, guarantees of borrowing,  
6 and any authority to incur obligations.”.

